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The mailing list has been corrected to February 3, 1900. Subscribers are requested to carefully examine the label on their papers, and if not found correct report to us at once. Do not let the matter run along for a month, but notify us at once.

That Premium

By the time this number of the EVANGELIST reaches our readers those entitled to premiums will have received them. We have been exceedingly careful in filling these orders, yet it is possible that errors may have been made. If your book has not reached you please inform us, and we will see where the trouble lies.

The Three Thousand

New subscriptions still come in, but the 3,000 mark has not yet been attained. Again, we urge all our agents to push the work with renewed vigor, and never let up until announcement can be made that the 3,000 mark has been reached. We mean business, and intend to keep the matter before our people till the work is done. Have you furnished your share of the 3,000? What have you done, fellow agent, minister, brother, sister? Let us have a genuine revival along this line of church work, and you will find it tells marvelously on all other kinds of church life and activity. The circulation of the church paper is the index finger that registers the progress, the life, and the activity of the church.

Next Week

Next week many of our readers will receive thru the mails a special proposition from Dr. E. J. Worst of Ashland, Ohio. Many of our readers are acquainted with Brother Worst and know that he will do what he says. The proposition will speak for itself and we will let our readers guess what it is until it reaches to them.

The Biography of Mr. Moody

Since the death of Mr. Moody no less than one half dozen publishers have announced authentic publications of the famed Evangelist. Many of these are spurious, and thousands of people will be deceived. Mr. W. R. Moody has written the following letter to the Fleming H. Revell Co., Chicago,

which explains itself. We publish the letter to warn our people against being deceived by unauthorized publications:

Jan. 3, 1900.

FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY.

Dear Sirs: Since arranging with you for the publication of the authorized biography of my father, I have been surprised to see the very misleading statements of other publishers that they are preparing biographies with our approval. I want to assure you that all these claims are false and calculated to deceive the public, as we have given our consent to none of these works and they are not "approved by the family and friends" of my father. I would also state that without exception we have expressed our regret at the multiplication of these works which have been prepared in spite of our urgent protest.

I felt that this statement was due to you in view of these false announcements which are the source of great annoyance to us all.

Yours truly,

W. R. MOODY.

Personal Mention

Brother D. C. Moomaw is writing a series of articles for the "Angelus" entitled, "Our Northern Travels." The series promises to be very interesting.

The many friends of the Musselman family of Somerset Co., Pa., will be pleased to learn of the achievements of Miss Ida Musselman in the field of art. Miss Musselman was at one time a student at Ashland College. Of her work the *Literary Digest* says: A very interesting new development in wood-carving has recently attracted notice in New York. It consists in relief work upon a species of fungi which grows upon oak and maple trees. Great care has to be exercised in removing and drying the fungi so as to preserve the delicate white surface; and the light and shades of the bas-relief are attained by a careful manipulation of the surface and of the dark interior. The process requires great persistence and skill, but when successful presents a species of art effect which is wholly new and unique. Some very exquisite specimens of carved fungi, ranging in size from four inches to two feet in diameter, comprising some surprisingly perfect forest scenes, war groups, and other *genre* effects worked out in black and white, are on exhibition at the various art exchanges in New York and at Brentano's. The inventor and developer of the process is Miss I. M. Musselman, of Somerset, Pa., and artist who received much of her technical training in the art schools of Pittsburg and Philadelphia.

Brother Darling is doing some very aggressive work in the Pittsburg church. Since the beginning of the New Year there have been thirteen accessions and two more conversions.

The work in Washington under Brother Lyon is still progressing. Several more applicants for baptism are reported.

Brother M. S. White reports one accession at Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Brother Talley reports two applicants for baptism in the Chicago Mission.

The meeting held by J. H. Swihart at Berne, Ind., has been postponed. Six candidates for baptism, on by relation, one reclaimed are reported as the result of the work since started.

The meeting at McLouth, Kans., conducted by L. S. Bauman resulted in ten confessions.

Brother W. H. Miller reports one accession at New Troy, Mich.

The Bear Creek, West Alexandria and Farmersville congregations have unitedly secured the services of brother J. C. Mackey as pastor for the year beginning April 1st. We trust his labors with this peo-

ple will be pleasant and result in the accomplishment of much good.

It seems that the Passover question is not yet settled. Brother J. H. Swihart reopens the discussion in this issue with a short article on the subject. It is remarkable what a wide difference of opinion prevails in reference to the question, "Did Christ eat the Jewish Passover?" Those who affirm the question claim indisputable argument in favor of their position. A private letter from brother Isaac Leedy who supports this view says: "A large amount of space has been used the past year to bolster up the erroneous, untenable, German Baptist heresy which confronts all the writers of both the Old and New Testaments that ever wrote with reference to time and design of the Passover." He then proceeds to review Brother Rensch's articles and closes as follows: "This is not intended for publication, but I believe that some erroneous, misleading arguments advocated by Brother Rensch should be exposed thru the same medium that gave them to the public. I am aware, however, that you hold similar views. Therefore will not let us have any space to reply. It would not require very much space to bury this humbug so deep that it would never be resurrected." Brother Leedy is certainly mistaken when he says that the columns of the paper are not open to those who hold opposite views. Several brethren have written on the affirmative side of this question and Brother Leedy is one of them. If Brother Leedy is in possession of such arguments that will forever settle this question the public should know what they are and we therefore invite him to bring them forth.

We take the following from a Sabetha, Kans., paper:

Rev. L. S. Bauman was in the city Wednesday on his way to Manhattan from his old home at Morrill. Rev. Bauman is yet young in the ministry, but he has been pastor of a Progressive Brethren church for four years at Roann, Indiana, one of the leading charges of the state, and is meeting with remarkable success as an evangelist. He preached in Sabetha and at Pony Creek five years ago.

Brother Miller and wife have moved out of the hall, and are now cozily "housed" in one of the departments of the Dr. Worst building.

The "College Notes" in this week's paper were prepared by Prof. C. O. Witter.

"Our Distinctive Plea," was read by Brother Rensch at the last National Conference, and ordered published in the EVANGELIST.

Brevities

—France receives \$970,000 a year from taxes on bicycles.

—Brown eyes are said by oculists to be the strongest.

—Socialists will hold at Paris next year the largest congress in their history.

—Over 85 per cent of the housewives of this country do without a servant.

—Ninety per cent of American women spend less than \$50 a year for clothing.

—A tunnel is to be built in Chicago 30 feet below the street, four feet wide and seven feet high, for telephone wires.

—Over 1,000 houses in London are tenantless because they are supposed to be haunted.

—Norwegian statesmen are planning a system of national insurance to protect people incapacitated to earn a livelihood.

—Austria is the country most lenient to murderers. In ten years over 800 persons were found guilty of murder, of whom only 23 were put to death.

—From an interpretation of a passage in the Koran, Moslems are forbidden to have shades to their eyes, hence the absence of the peak both from the fez and the turban.